Demonstration in support of displaced persons

†2138. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether group 'D' employees of Bokaro Steel Plants and social and political activists staged 'dharna' and demonstration in support of the displaced persons of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) Recently, some groups claiming to be representatives of displaced persons staged dharna and demonstration near the Administrative Building demanding employment in Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) under the banner of groups like "Visthapit Samanway Samiti" and "Bokaro Visthapit Vikas Morcha" on 19.6.2007 and 18.7.2007 respectively. The person leading the social and political group in the darna/agitation on 19.6.2007 happened to be an employee of BSL. It may be noted that there are no Group 'D' employees in SAIL/Bokaro Steel Plant.

The key demands/grievances raised were:

- Cancellation of Notification for recruitment to the post of "Plant Attendant",
- Reserving the posts for displaced persons only and renotifying accordingly.

(c) The key demand of all such groups has been the employment of displaced persons in BSL. It may be intimated that more than 16,000 displaced persons have been given employment in BSL so far. This is against 6019 families displaced as per compilation of the Director of Employment and Training in 1972.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. MoU (2007-08) between Government of India (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and HAL

II. MoUs (2007-08) between Government of India (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers) and BCPL

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Sir, on behalf of SHRI B.K HANDIQUE, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(I) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals) and the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL), for the year 2007-08. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 6851/07]

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.